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SUBJ: VISIT OF CARLOS RAFAEL RODRIGUEZ

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1. IRAQ NEWS AGENCY HAS PROVIDED SUMMARY OF REMARKS MADE BY DEPUTY PRESIDENT OF CUBAN STATE COUNCIL RODRIGUEZ ON CONCLUSION OF HIS WEEK-LONG VISIT TO IRAQ. HIGH POINT IS RODRIGUEZ ANNOUNCEMENT THAT FIDEL CASTRO WILL VISIT IRAQ DURING THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1978. RODRIGUEZ SAID THAT CASTRO WOULD HAVE TALKS WITH IRAQI OFFICIALS ON BILATERAL RELATIONS AS WELL AS AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUES.

2. RODRIGUEZ ALSO PRISED IRAQS POSITION ON THE PALESTINE QUESTION AND STRESSED CONDEMNATION BY CUBA OF THE SADAT VISIT TO JERUSALEM, DESCRIBING SADAT'S INITIATIVES AS DOOMED TO FAILURE BECAUSE THEY CONSTITUTE A GREAT INSULT TO THE ARAB NATION. REFERRING TO HIS TALKS WITH PRESIDENT BAKR AND VICE CHAIRMAN HUSSEIN, RODRIGUEZ SAID "WE HAVE REVIEWED BILATERAL RELATIONS AND MADE AN ANALYSIS OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES' FOREIGN POLICY WITHIN THE NON-ALIGNED GROUP". ABOUT HIS TALKS WITH BAATH PARTY ASSISTANT
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SECRETARY GENERAL MUNIF AL-RAZZAZ, RODRIGUEZ SAID "WE HAVE DEEPENED THE STANDING CORDIAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE ABSP AND THE CUBAN COMMUNIST PARTY."

3. RODRIGUEZ ALSO NOTED THAT A SUMMIT CONFERENCE OF THE NON-ALIGNED STATES WILL BE HELD IN HAVANA IN 1979 BEFORE THE BAGHDAD SUMMIT CONFERENCE SCHEDULED

IN 1980.

4. COMMENT: IT SEEMS UNUSUAL THAT THERE WAS NO FINAL
JOINT COMMUNIQUE. THE IRAQI GOVERNMENT HAS MADE NO
STATEMENT ON THE RODRIGUEZ VISIT.

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